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[Mattituck, L.I.], 1924

The Librarian.
The Numismatic Society of Newfoundland.
Bway at 155th St., Newfoundland City.

Sir:

A farmer has just given me a medal, seemingly of pure metal, picked up in a field at Southampton, about which I would appreciate information. I must first ask a historian favor of you, but if you have at hand any cyclopedia of medals from which you can readily look it up, the facts about the issue of this one would greatly gratify me. Unless you can do this readily, please don't bother.

The medal is one inch and a half in diameter and pretty thin. It has on face a bust in armor, the hair queued. Circling above are the words "ADM^L BOSCAWAN × TOOK × CAPE-BRETON" On the reverse is a relief-scene of the siege of Louisburg: harbor in foreground with vessels of war, above at right the fortress and at left woods about a spired church and a cannon which two men have discharged (the talk about it strikes one of the gates of the fort. Very quaint and rather good work.

The Encyc. Brit. says no medals were struck for any of the Colonial or the Revolutionary wars. Could this have been a medal struck in one of the Colonies — say Massachusetts? But why Boscawan? Why not Amherst? Very odd.

Now don't let this be a bother. Answer if convenient. If not, I will await some opportunity to reach one of the large city libraries — or yours.

Yours very truly,
Chas. F. Goddard

Baltimore, Md.
Oct. 17, 1924.

Perhaps you'd like to see the medal. I have it and will bring it over any day.

October 18th, 1924

Charles F. Goddard, Esq.
Mattituck, L.I.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 17th describes a medal struck to commemorate the Capture of Louisbourg. It is described in Betts' Colonial History, illustrated by contemporary medals, page 180. The medal is not a common one, but unless the preservation of the piece you describe is very good, its value would not be great. There are several varieties.

If this does not give you all the information you desire, please write me further.

Very truly yours,

Secretary